

professional association with the republics.

At times I had the impression that Mr. Pflaum was concerned first of all to warn his fellow Americans of the communist threat in Latin America. But only in his discussion of Cuba and, to a lesser extent, of Bolivia, is he at all convincing in this regard. And, of course, in the case of Cuba he is beating a dead horse.

At other times I sensed that his objective was to administer the *coup de grâce* to the State Department, but on each occasion that he set up that agency for the "kill" he has, if not in the text then in a footnote, allowed it to limp away, finally to return firm and bright-eyed in the Dominican Republic after the death of Trujillo. This places him between authors Arévalo and Urrutia on United States-Latin America relations, but closer to Mr. Urrutia. Nowhere does Mr. Pflaum give serious thought to the military police and the Church, or for that matter to the future of the Organization of American States, the Panama question, military assistance, price supports, Latin American common markets, or the role of the Latin American press in public affairs, all topics one might reasonably expect to find discussed in a general volume of this nature.

There is very little that is distinguished about Mr. Pflaum's production, but the reader might find certain of his observations interesting. I recall particularly 1) his judgment of the part that the New York *Times* and its reporter Herbert L. Matthews played in selling Castro to the United States and to the Cuban middle sectors, 2) his "massive overconfidence" thesis for explaining why the United States failed in Cuba and has supported what Mr. Pflaum apparently considers a communist-riddled administration in Bolivia, 3) his remarks on the end of the Trujillo era, which are lacking in analysis but are rich in detail, and 4) his favorable evaluation of the policy of the United States in the Dominican Republic following the death of the old tyrant Trujillo, a policy which, because of its interventionist overtones, if applied in one of the major countries of the area would be considered an affront to that nation's sovereignty, as the author must know.

I cannot in good conscience close this review without calling Mr. Pflaum's attention to the fact that by quoting Hubert Herring and Lewis Hanke out of context and then stating that they "were overwhelmed with gratitude for Trujillo" he has done a serious injustice to two highly regarded scholars who have devoted much of their lives to improving understanding between Latin America and the United States.

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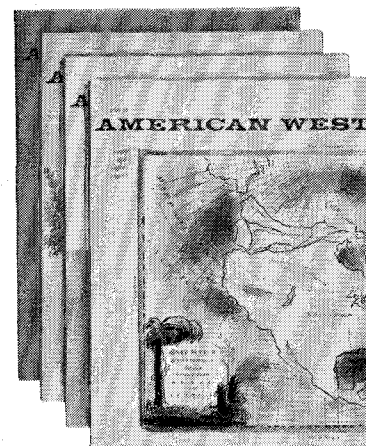
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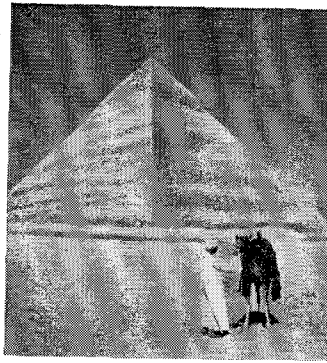
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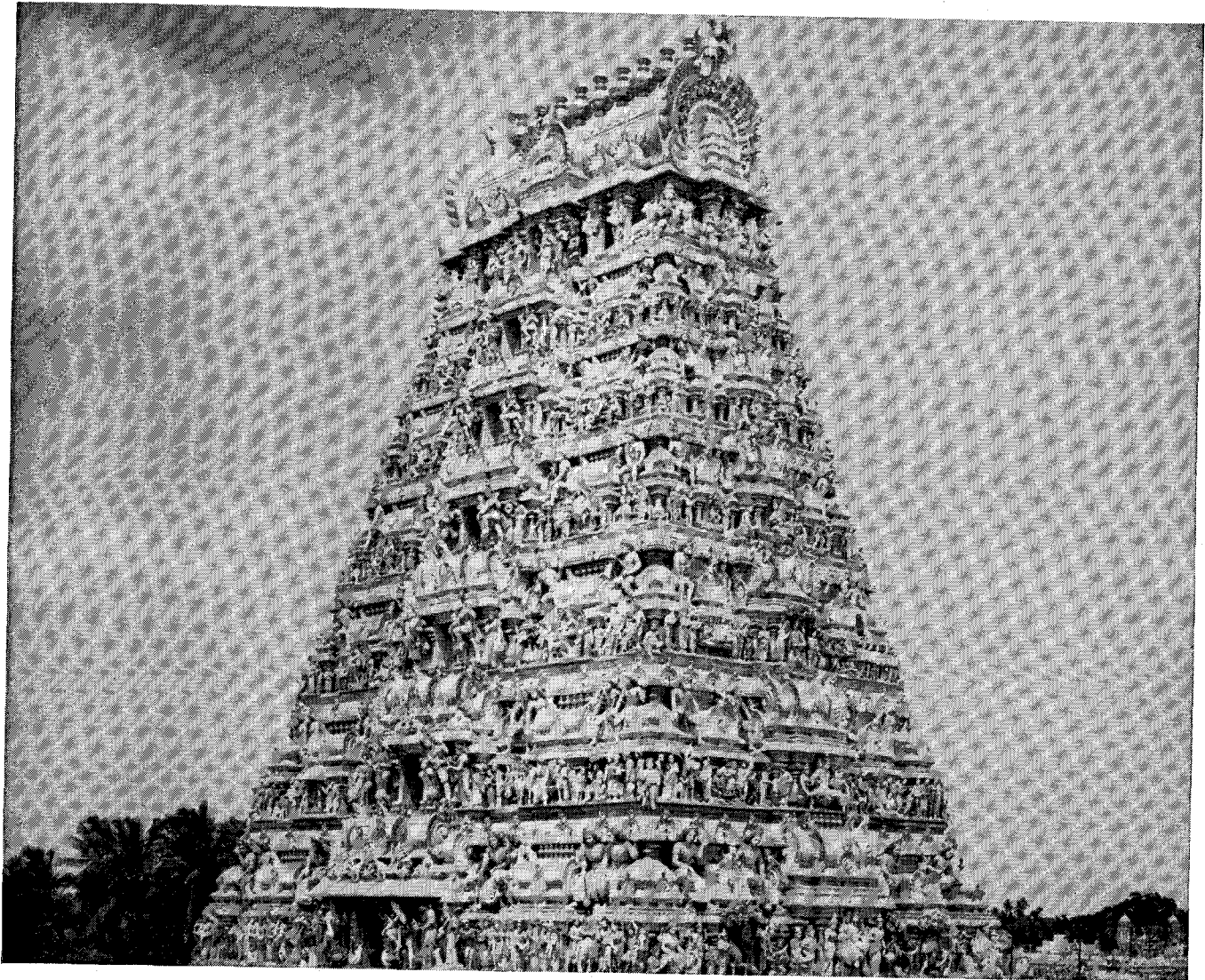
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